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## RECENT STATE POLICE ARRESTS OF GUN DEALERS ON WEAPONS CHARGES

Since September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Detectives from the State Police Special Licensing and Firearms Unit have arrested *three* (3) gun dealers for weapons charges in *three* independent investigations.

Most recently arrested was David A. MELLO age 62 of Marshfield, MA on 10/23/04 for (2) Counts of Possession of Assault Weapons in violation of Connecticut General Statute 53-202a. This statute directly spells out that Heckler Koch HK 91 and Colt Sporter Assault weapons are illegal to possess in the State of Connecticut. During an inspection by Detectives at a gun show event in Durham, MELLO was found to be in possession of such weapons, which he was displaying for sale. He was arrested on site, processed at the Troop F barracks in Westbrook, and later released on \$1,000 surety bond. He is scheduled to appear in Middletown Court GA-9 on 11/09/04 at 1000 hours.

Other recent weapons related arrests occurred on 10/7/04 and 09/09/04; see attached.

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